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RE: Genetically Engineered Food

Dear Dr. Henny,

I would like to add my voice to the many Americans across our county to ask that ALL "genetically modified organisms" be labeled. I eat only organically grown foods, I raise my own salad vegetables organically, even with organic soil and fertilizers.

As an individual, I like to know what I am eating, thus read labels and use care in what I eat. As a citizen of this country, I do not feel it is fair for us to eat anything which is not clearly marked with the contents whatever that food is.

My mother died of stomach cancer at a very young age - and I have a very strong feeling that it was because of some food she ate. I wished that I knew then (25 years ago) what I know now regarding the foods placed on the grocery shelves for people to purchase. So many corporations do not care where our food comes from or what it might contain - thus the only way for us to become knowledgeable is to read labels which fortunately are now required by law. But if a product is not labeled correctly, we will never know what is in our food. With so many diseases and conditions caused by what we eat today, it is necessary for each to read labels. Those of us interested, do - to accept a food - we need to have an honest label of what is in the food.

Sincerely,

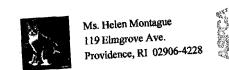
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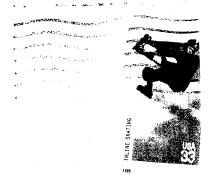
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